Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting  
1741 Colden Avenue  
Tuesday, October 2, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Patricia Charles, Chair; Edith Blitzer; Debra Kawalick; Joseph Menta; Jacob Rosado; Dominic Schiano; Lisa Soto; and Janice Walcott.

GUESTS: Valerie Davis O’Neal, Parks Department; Natalia Medina, Board Member; and Roxanne Delgado, Friends of Pelham Parkway.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. Collaborating with the Health Committee to do a health walk was tabled.

2. The closing of Eastchester Playground – This is a renovation. Suggestion to seek discretionary capital funds from Council Member Andy King.  
   Motion by Dominick Schiano, second by Lisa Soto – To ask Community Board 11 to send written correspondence to CM King requesting the funding of this capital project.  UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
   Discussion on closing all gates at Eastchester Garden. The conditions at the park at Lydig Avenue and Bronx Park East was brought up/. Bathrooms are dirty; no tissue paper; needles. A thank you letter need to go to parks regarding the repair of the crack in the sprinkler. Bronx Park East Park needs gates to close the Ben Abrams playground. The issued of sprinklers still on at 4 pm during cool weather at playground at Mace and Williamsbridge Road (PS 89) was brought up. Concerns of basketball court cracking at Loreto Park was brought up as well as the rubber melting causing safety issues

3. Update on staff coverage for summer events – Parks needs to be notified in March for appropriate staffing to address illegal barbequing singeing the trees during the summer.
   Discussion took place regarding Zimmerman Playground.

4. New Business
   Roxane Delgado will bring fliers regarding her event on November 2.
   Natalia Medina announced her coming event on planting daffodils

5. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes taken by Pat Charles, formatted and typed by staff.

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